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INDUSTRIALLY BACKWARD UTs
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of industrially backward UnionTerritories in the country and the reasons for their backwardness;

(b) whether the Government has promulgated any national action plan for their development; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the total funds provided, Union Territory-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (c): Various studies in the past have sought to identify industrially backward regions in the country. More recently, with a view to focus on district specific cases of industrial backwardness, inter-departmental meetings have been held and the relevant data available is being analysed to finalise and implement concrete policy decisions to address purposively the causes of industrial backwardness in various districts in a calibrated manner. The action plan will be finalized in consultation with State Governments/Union Territories.